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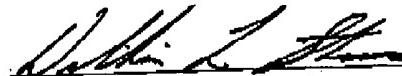
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David F. CARMICHAEL et al.) Group Art Unit: 1636
Application No.: 09/987,357) Examiner: Gerald G. Leffers, Jr.
Filed: November 14, 2001) Mail Stop AF
For: HUMAN COLLAGENASE)
INHIBITOR, RECOMBINANT)
VECTOR SYSTEM FOR USING)
SAME AND RECOMBINANT DNA)
METHOD FOR THE)
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants now respond to the Final Office Action mailed October 1, 2003. Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration of the outstanding rejection.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.